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1. ACCORDING TO IATA REPRESENTATIVE BANGKOK, LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR COLLECTING OVERFLIGHT PAYMENTS FROM USERS OF AMBER ONE. IN "NOTAM OI-VL" DATED MAY 24, 1978, LAOTIAN DIRECTORATE OF CIVIL AVIATION ADVISED AIRLINES THAT PAYMENTS FOR AMBER ONE OVERFLIGHT CHARGES SHOULD BE MADE BY US DOLLAR DRAFTS TO ACCOUNT OF "CREDIT BANQUE NATIONALE DU LAOS, SUBACCOUNT BCEL NO. 03/67/90034" IN BANQUE DE L'INDOCHINE ET DE SUEZ IN SINGAPORE OR FRENCH BANNKING CORPORATION IN NEW YORK. SUBSEQUENT TO ESTABLISHMENT THIS PROCEDURE LAOTIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE STARTED BILLING AIRLINES FOR OVERFLIGHT CHARGES AND AT LEAST TWO, CATHAY PACIFIC AND ALITALIA, HAVE REPORTEDLY MADE PAYMENTS.

2. IATA REPRESENTATIVE SAYS VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT RECENTLY SENT MEMORANDA TO AIRLINES USING AMBER ONE LISTING ACCUMULATED CHARGES BUT INFORMING THEM "METHOD OF PAYMENT IS YET TO BE ADVISED." APPARENTLY VIETNAMESE
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REALIZE THAT EARLIER INSTRUCTION, I.E. CASH PAYHENT IN US DOLLARS THROUGH COMMERCIAL OFFICE OF VIETNAMESE EMBASSY BANGKOK (REFTEL C), IS UNWORKABLE BUT HAVE NOT YET DECIDED ON ALTERNATIVE. IN MEANTIME VIETNAMESE ARE IN EFFECT GRANTING AIRLINES FORM OF "EXTENDED CREDIT."
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